

Ephesians Handout

Week Twenty-Nine

Review of Biblical Submission

- It is
 - It is
 - It promotes
 - It is
 - It is
 - When we do so
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 - It is
 - The payout
 - It requires
 - Lk. 9:23 Mat. 25:31-
 - Submission may be an earthly step down but..
- 18b be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.
- 22 Wives, [submitting] to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church (ekklesias/called out ones), He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives to their husbands in everything
- ...33b and the wife should respect her husband.

Wives are not being called to be less than their husbands but more like _____

Ekklesia: We're always going to look weird to somebody.

Why does the guy get to be the head?!

Evidence of headship and also a case for the distinction between the sexes

-Order of creation

-Order of accountability Gen. 3:8

-Functional titles

Alone:

Helper: ezer

Suitable: neged

Ps. 33:20, Ps. 70:5, Ex. 18:4, 1 Sam. 7

Gen. 1:27

-Naming Gen. 2:22, Gen. 3:20

-The attack of satan

*The wife's position as submitting to her husband as head does nothing to change her status as image bearer, helper, completer, equal in all ways. Just like Jesus' submission to the Father did nothing to change His equality with God.

Why didn't Paul give us a laundry list of duties?

Guide-Principles over practices.

Note two things.

“As to the Lord”:

You are not to treat your husband as Lord but you are to honor him b/c _____

Not as one who is inferior but as one who is

Not waiting for them to deserve it or earn it but

-Not as one who is passive or enable sin but

1 Pt. 3:1-

When wives submit they are demonstrating three huge things...

1.

2.

Mat. 11:29, 1 Tim. 2:1-2,

3.

“As the church is subject to Christ”:

How is the church subject to Christ?

-In great faith.

-In great humility

-With a good

-Using gifts

The irreducible truth of v. 24

But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

The universal truth. These directives, these callings are not based on gender psychology but Christ exalting theology.

Why do women push back? Why is it guys don't?

The ultimate/beautiful truth...for everyone. The catchall/release all valve

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, *He Himself being the Savior of the body*.

Catchall.

Release all.

25 Husbands, love (imperative) your (exclusive) wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify (make holy) her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Gal. 3:26-28

What does this mean? That there is unity and equality in our salvation stance. Unity doesn't mean uniformity. Equality of position by faith doesn't imply or demand sameness in practice of that faith.

What is the man asked to do?

Answer:

How is the task defined?

Answer:

How Christ loved the church.

Cleansed-

Sanctified? Positional 1 Cor. 1:2 Progressive 1 Thes. 3:3, 4:23

How is the church cleansed, purified, sanctified in preparation for the wedding?

What word?

No spot or wrinkle-

When is the wedding? Rev. 19:6, Rev. 21:2

Based on the analogy, how do husbands, then, love their wives?

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Discussion

Did you have any understanding of these verses when you first got married?

Is this something newly married couples can even understand? Why or why not?

What do you think you have learned about Jesus from being married.